



FLORIDA CIDAA GROUP

NEWSLETTER

April 2019

Orlando Meeting

Fellow Members,

The Florida CIDAA Group Spring Meeting was held at the Rosen Shingle Creek Resort, Orlando, Florida

Those in attendance included: JB and Janet Brain, Bob Brauner, Riley and Joan Breedlove, Charlie Cooper and guest Claudia, Warren and JoEllen Cox, Jack Fay (new member), Roy and Janet Flanders, Louise Goetzelt, Ernie and Jerrine Hamm, Ken Minton, Henry and Doris Kuhn, Bryan and Peggy Lauzon, Monika Marlow, Bill and Kathy Moore, Bill and Gwen Thomas, Shawn Rourke, Linda Knight and Kent and Gladys Watson (new members).

Although there were no planned activities, the group met in the hospitality room Friday/Saturday evenings to enjoy the excellent food and drinks donated by Charlie Cooper and Bill Thomas. Charlie was assisted by Claudia and Warren and JoEllen Cox. As with all of our meetings, Charlie (at great personal expense and personal time), went out of his way to ensure that the attendees had an excellent hospitality suite for group activities. All members expressed their appreciation to all who contributed to the success of the hospitality suite.

The members would also like to thank Charlie Cooper for the new Florida Cidaa Group banner which he provided to the group at his own expense. Charlie is a one of a kind booster for the Florida group and his dedication to making our meetings a success never waivers.

During the free time, those that did not go out to explore the Winter Park/Orlando areas, the local military exchange, or the wonderful grounds/facilities of the resort, enjoyed the ability to renew old friendships. As usual card games again took the spotlight along with some lively exchanges of war stories, modern and of course ancient history. The game of Five Crowns was the card game of choice. Claudia, Riley and JoEllen were particularly happy with their low scores. JB, however, was able to claim overall victory with highest scores!!!! It was a very informative afternoon that is for sure.

On Saturday evening the members assembled for group photograph taken by Warren Cox.

At 1800 members assembled for dinner in the Cala Bella Restaurant to enjoy the resorts fine cuisine. After dinner, members retired to the Hospitality Suite again. At 2000, the new officers took the oath of office. Outgoing President Louise Goetzelt administered the oath to incoming President Bill Thomas and passed the "Presidents Gavel" to Bill. Bill then administered the oath to the Vice President Warren Cox and Secretary/Treasurer Jb Brain.

At this point, President Bill Thomas presented Louise with a gift plaque thanking her for her service as President from 2017 to 2019.

As the incoming President I would like to thank all the members, wives and guests for making the Spring Florida CIDAA Group meeting a success. The renewal of old friendships and comradely was enjoyed by all. I would like each of you to share your experiences with other members of the CID family and encourage them to become members of this outstanding group. Our numbers grew this year which is a testament to the outstanding job done by our site committee. I look forward to serving you as President and I am committed to continuing the successful history of our group. I would also like to thank all the members who have generously given cash donations to the group treasury.

William (Bill) Thomas
President

Members then resumed activities including the lively game of Five Crowns and saying goodbye after a great meeting.

Business Meeting Summary:

On Saturday morning the Group held the business meeting.

At 1000, April 13, 2019 the meeting was called to order by President Louise Goetzelt.

Members present included: Louise Goetzelt, Bill Thomas, JB Brain, Riley Breedlove, Bob Brauner, Bill Moore, Ken Minton, Charlie Cooper, Warren Cox, Roy Flanders, Shawn Rourke, Linda Knight, Ernie Hamm, Bryan Lauzon, Henry Kuhn, Jack Fay (new) and Kent Watson (new).

Louise welcomed the attendees and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Acting Chaplain Ken Minton provided the invocation and called for attendees to remember service members in harm's way and those members who may have lost loved ones since our last meeting.

Louise thanked Charlie Cooper, Claudia, Bill Thomas and Warren and JoEllen for their contributions to making the meeting a success by providing and helping with all matters related to the Hospitality Suite. She also thanked Charlie for providing the new Florida CIDAA Group banner. Here-to-for, we had used small paper signs. A very significant improvement.

Louise also thanked the members for their support during her presidency, to Ken Minton for the time spent researching locations for group meetings and to all who generously made donations during the meeting.

Louise then called for Officer Reports:

Vice President – None

The Secretary/Treasurer provided the Spring 2018 Meeting Minutes. The reading of which was waived by motion and vote.

Also provided was a financial report with receipts and expenditures for the years 2018/19. The current balance in the checking account is \$725.22. The Treasurer indicated that there would be costs associated with the current meeting and the renewal of the website, which would be offset somewhat by dues payments and donations. A motion was made to accept the report and subsequent vote approved.

JB also mentioned that there was one outstanding invoice for the website, which Mario Loaiza usually donated, but had not as yet done so this year. The amount outstanding is \$140.05. JB indicated he would pay for the domain name (\$21.05) leaving \$119 remaining. A motion was made and approved by the members to pay the \$119. (**NOTE: Since meeting, Mario has donated \$200.00 to cover the costs and as a donation.**)

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Site Selection for 2019/20 meetings:

Charlie Cooper and Warren Cox reported that the location of the 2019 AGM would be in Newport News, Va. The format will be a little different this year. Trips would take place on Thursday and Saturday. The board and general membership meetings will take place on Friday morning and afternoon respectively. While members are in the meetings, there will be a function for the wives in the hospitality suite. The banquet will be Saturday evening as usual. Details will be in the next issue of The Badge. Both indicated that there is a limit on the number of tickets available for the trips and that those that were attending and wanted to go on the trips should make their payments as soon as the information was published.

Bill Thomas expressed his appreciation to Charlie Cooper, Warren Cox and Bill Moore for their efforts to make the AGMs a great experience by giving up their time to visit the proposed sites, which is done at their own expense.

The group Fall meeting for 2019 will be in conjunction with the AGM in Newport News, VA.

A discussion ensued concerning the 2020 Florida Spring Meeting location

Bill Thomas indicated that Mario Loaiza had proposed West Palm Beach County on the east coast of Florida as a great place to hold the meeting. Mario resides in the Wellington area of the county and it offers many activities. Bill suggested that we contact Mario to see if it could be arranged. Of course, Orlando was always a possibility.

Ken Minton suggested Savannah, GA, although the last time it was presented the parking fees were substantial. If more reasonable parking could be included, this would be a viable location.

Members indicated that Easter was April 12th next year and for some tax season posed a problem. S. Rourke indicated that there was a website – events.com which would assist in locating meeting venues.

Charlie Cooper indicated that wherever we eventually hold the meeting negotiations with the venue are important especially as relates to the hospitality room and other concessions.

After the discussion about venues, Louise called for further discussion at the Fall meeting. Members agreed.

Louise called for a report from Riley Breedlove, Nominations Chair.

Nominees for:

President – Bill Thomas

Vice President – Warren Cox

Secretary/Treasurer – JB Brain

Riley called for nominations from the floor.

There being no other nominations, Louise called for a vote by acclamation for the nominees. All members agreed and Bill Thomas, President, Warren Cox, Vice President and JB Brain, Secretary/Treasurer were unanimously approved by the members.

Riley added that he would not serve as Nominations Chair during the next elections.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at about 11:00 a.m.





